PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#6/V2RE

te the Application of

Group Art Unit: 3617

huhei IIZUKA

Application No.: 09/827,170

Filed: April 6, 2001

Docket No.: 108340

For:

METHOD OF PRODUCING PNEUMATIC TIRES

RECEIVED

APR 0 4 2002

GROUP 3600

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- 冈 This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- 冈 2. The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- \boxtimes An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference 5 is attached 3. hereto.

RECEIVED

APR 8 - 2002

TC 1700

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Oliff

Registration No. 27,075

RECEIVED TC 1700

Thomas J. Pardini Registration No. 30,411

JAO:TJP/cmm Date: April 1, 2002

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC P.O. Box 19928 Alexandria, Virginia 22320 Telephone: (703) 836-6400

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE **AUTHORIZATION**

Please grant any extension necessary for entry; Charge any fee due to our Deposit Account No. 15-0461